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**Development of Major Ports**

347. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for the development of major ports so far during the 8th Plan;

(b) the port-wise details thereof;

(c) the various development steps proposed to be taken in Paradip Port during the remaining period of 8th Plan; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) An outlay of Rs. 2984.00 crores has been provided in 8th Five Year Plan 1992—97 for development and modernisation of major ports in the country.

(b) The details are as below:—

| S. No. | Name of Port | 8th Plan Outlay (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Calcutta | 155.00 |
| 2 | Haldia | 266.00 |
| 3. | Bombay | 413.00 |
| 4. | Jawaharlal Nehru | 215.00 |
| 5. | Madras | 570.00 |
| 6. | Cochin | 117.00 |
| 7. | Visakhapatnam | 250.00 |
| 8. | Kandla | 226.00 |
| 9. | Mormugao | 123.00 |
| 10. | Paradip | 486.00 |
| 11. | New Mangalore | 98.00 |
| 12. | Tuticorin | 65.00 |
| | Total | 2984.00 |

(c) and (d) For Pradip, an outlay of Rs. 486 crores has been provided in 8th Plan. The major schemes taken up in 8th Plan are "construction of a multi-purpose berth" and "creation of mechanised coal handling facilities and construction of two coal berths at Paradip".

**Visit of the President of India to Foreign Countries**

348. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the President of India recently visited a number of Latin American countries: and heads of States and Prime Ministers from some of these countries paid visits to India in recent months;

(b) what were the main agreement and MOUs reached as a result of exchange of these visits; and

(c) what are the prospects of strengthening diplomatic, cultural and economic ties with these countries, as seen in the context of these exchange?